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From Some Editorial Notes:

Tuberculosis Number.—The special "tuberculosis day" at the last meeting of the State Society, in Santa Barbara, was a very attractive feature of the session and drew an excellent attendance. Some of the papers evoked considerable discussion, and all of them were well worth listening to and thinking about. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that they are here gathered together and presented in one number of the Journal where they may be the more easily referred to in the future. . . .

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Tuberculosis.—No more interesting session of the recent meeting in Santa Barbara, both in point of attendance and in importance, took place than that prepared by the California Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The papers and the discussions thereon gave evidence that the profession is awakening to the fact that tuberculosis, far from being a solved problem, is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, questions at present confronting it. It is to the discredit of scientific medicine that the great sociologic and economic questions involved have been left of late largely for their solution to the laity. Not only is this true, but the profession as a body has been inattentive to the problems of early recognition and scientific treatment of the disease. The charge can be brought more directly home when one sees the indifference manifested by the medical schools in the teaching of the subject. . . .

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American Medical Association—San Francisco, 1915.—Largely to aid in commemorating the fact that scientific medicine and sanitation based thereon dug the Panama Canal, the American Medical Association, by its House of Delegates at the Atlantic City session in June last, voted to hold the meeting for 1915 at San Francisco. The time will probably be the third week in June, 1915. This will be the fourth time the Association has met on the Pacific Coast; in 1894 it met in San Francisco and all of the various sections held their meetings under one roof; in 1905 it met at Portland, Oregon; in 1911 it met in Los Angeles; next year it will again meet in San Francisco, after twenty-one years, and again all the sections will meet under one roof. The Exposition directors have kindly placed the huge audi-

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA[†]

By Charles B. Pinkham, M. D. Secretary-Treasurer

Board Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners was held in Native Sons Hall, July 10 to 13, 1939, at which approximately 240 applicants, consisting of physicians and surgeons, drugless practitioners and chiropodists, wrote the three-day, nine-subject examination.

The following changes in status of licentiates were made: Harry Asher (chiropodist), license revoked July 13, following hearing on alleged illegal operation.

Sharon M. Atkins, M.D., license restored July 10, placed on probation for five years.

Henry Gross (naturopath) found guilty July 12 of practicing beyond the limitation of his license and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Shuah Milton Mann, M.D., license revoked July 13, following hearing of charges of aiding and abetting, also alleged illegal operation.

Woodward B. Mayo, M.D., certificate restored July 13, placed on probation for a period of five years.

Virgil McCombs, M.D., license revoked July 11, following hearing of charges of alleged use of fictitious name and aiding and abetting.

Harold E. Morrison, M.D., certificate (revoked October 19, 1937) restored July 10.

James T. Murray, M.D., license revoked July 13 on a charge of alleged addiction to narcotics.

Walter M. Thorne, M.D., license revoked July 13 on a charge of alleged addiction to narcotics.

Jesse C. Ross, M.D., license restored July 10 because of reversal on appeal of original conviction on which his license was revoked February 11, 1937.

Thomas Franklin Thorp, M.D., was on July 13 found guilty of aiding and abetting and placed on probation for a period of two years.

Donaciano Trevino, M.D., license revoked July 11, based on conviction of violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act.

James Cushing Weld, M.D., license revoked July 13, based on aiding and abetting, also use of fictitious name.

Orel Alvin Welsh, M.D., license revoked July 12, based on the record of his conviction of alleged illegal operation.

News

"On July 1 the California State Board of Chiropractic Examiners will require students in chiropractic schools to submit finger prints and photographs. Copies also will be sent to the civilian files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. Dr. Joseph T. Stacy of Sacramento, secretary of the board, described the step as a protection for the public. The board is trying to eliminate the chances of stolen or forged certificates. . . . The chiropractors of this State thus will become the first professional group in the country to use the finger-print system of protecting the public, according to Doctor Stacy. . . . The Board of (Chiropractic) Examiners is to be congratulated on this step. Finger-printing of professional people will do much to wipe out the public aversion to finger-printing and will hasten the day when universal finger-printing will be the practice." Editorial, Sacramento Union, June 26, 1939.)

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[†] This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

[†]The office addresses of the California State Board of Medical Examiners are printed in the roster on advertising page 6